

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A gaming apparatus, comprising:

a housing having an upper section and a lower section;

a slot machine disposed in said upper section of said housing, said slot machine including at least three slot reels, a payline, a slotball icon and at least four indicators, a first of said four indicators displaying an amount of credits bet by a player, a second of said four indicators displaying an amount of credits amassed by the player and a third of said four indicators displaying an amount of credits won by the player;

a pinball machine disposed in the lower section of said housing, said pinball machine including a coin slot and apparatus for manipulating a pinball;

a pushbutton for inputting a total amount of credits bet by the player;

apparatus for initiating play in a slot machine mode; and

an electro-mechanical mechanism for automatically switching from a slot machine mode to a pinball machine mode when said slotball icon is displayed at said payline.

2. The gaming device according to claim 1, including apparatus for launching the pinball when the machine is in the pinball mode.

3. The gaming device according to claim 1, wherein a fourth of said four indicators displays an amount of credits won by the player in the pinball mode.

4. The gaming device according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus for initiating play in the slot machine mode includes a handle.

5. The gaming device according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus for initiating play in the slot machine mode includes a push button.

6. A gaming apparatus, comprising:

a housing having an upper section and a lower section;

a slot machine disposed in said upper section of said housing, said slot machine including at least three slot reels, a payline, a slotball icon and at least four indicators, a first of said four indicators displaying an amount of credits bet by a player, a second of said four indicators displaying an amount of credits amassed by the player and a third of said four indicators displaying an amount of credits won by the player;

a pinball machine disposed in the lower section of said housing, said pinball machine including a coin slot and apparatus for manipulating a pinball, wherein a fourth of said four indicators displays an amount of credits won by the player in the pinball mode;

apparatus for launching the pinball when the machine is in the pinball mode;

a pushbutton for inputting a total amount of credits bet by the player;

apparatus for initiating play in a slot machine mode; and

an electro-mechanical mechanism for automatically switching from a slot machine mode to a pinball machine mode when said slotball icon is displayed at said payline.

7. The gaming device according to claim 6, wherein the apparatus for initiating play in the slot machine mode includes a handle.

8. The gaming device according to claim 6, wherein the apparatus for initiating play in the slot machine mode includes a push button.